

Miscellaneous.

The biographies of Mrs. Lynn Linton and Mrs. Oliphant are awaited with interest.

Only 1300 pictures have been accepted for this year's Paris salon, against 2000 in years past.

New play by Basil Hood called "Ib and Little Constantine," founded on one of Hans Andersen's tales.

Negotiations are on foot to produce in London this season M. M. Audran and Ordonneau's comic opera, "Ces Soeurs Gaudichards," now running at the Gaite, Paris.

Mr. J. C. Dibdin, a descendant of the famous song-writer, and himself an author has purchased

Lytton, grandson of Bulwer and the son of Owen Meredith.

Fifteen thousand people heard *Aeschylus'* chorus of the Danaids sung recently in the Greek theatre at Syracuse, in presence of the author. The occasion was the visit of the international press association to the city.

The London correspondent of the *New York Times* says of the Royal Academy exhibit: "It has nothing very startling this year. Lady Faudel Phillips by J. S. Sargent is fine. Mr. Shaw has the picture of the year, 'Love the Conqueror,' a large allegory.

The *Woman's Journal* says: Miss Cecilia Beaux, the portrait painter, is recognized in this country and abroad as ranking among the best

George Sand's daughter Solange died recently at her residence, Mont-Givray, near La Chatra, France. There now remain of George Sand's family the widow of her son, Maurice Sand, and her two daughters, Mme. Lauth and Mlle. Gabrielle Sand. The family name is Dundoven not Dudevant.

In His Steps by Charles M. Sheldon, an American, 2,000,000 copies have been sold at home, while abroad it is said that editions have been issued by thirteen different English publishers. Mr. Clement Shorter, the critic, says of it: "The book is not literature and I do not think it would be difficult to prove that some of it is actually universal; but all those freaks of religious fervor require to be taken note of.

It is interesting to note that several of the books



VIOLET DALE, THE JUSTLY FAMED SOUBRETTE.

Miss Violet Dale is playing a sixteen week engagement at the Orpheum. She is a great favorite in Honolulu as she has been in all parts of the United States. She began her career at the age of ten years and she has been seven years on the stage.

the house in which Robert Louis Stevenson was born.

A book that Mr. Kipling has not yet issued to the public is called "The Book of the Forty-five Mornings," and is an account of his wanderings in Japan and America on his way home to England.

An interesting marriage was recently announced—that of Miss Judith Blunt, great-granddaughter of Lord Byrne, and the Hon. Neville

living artists, and T. L. Jones a Leeds police constable has had a painting accepted at the Royal Academy. He is thirty years of age and self-taught.

The health of M. Zola is excellent and he is still decided not to go back to France until the "affaire" has been ended which he thinks will be by the end of June. He has but few opportunities for speaking, as his servants are all English, and of that tongue the author of *Hana* can hardly articulate a word.

that have been appearing among "The Best Selling Books" during recent months have been produced by new writers. We notice here six books, all of which have reached a sale of ten thousand, and some of them are far beyond it. In each case the book is the first work of a new writer: David Harum by Edward N. Westcott. Prisoners of Hope by Mary Johnston. Mr. Dooley: In Peace and in War by F. P. Dunne. Aylwin by Theodore Watts-Dunton. When Knighthood Was in Flower by Edward Carpend. Bob, Son of Battle by Alfred Ollivant.